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SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. IAN SMITH'S JANUARY 24 STATEMENT REJECTING BRITISH  
PROPOSALS FOR A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA  
SEVERELY COMPLICATES THE PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING A

SETTLEMENT. WE ARE WORKING TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE COMMUNICATED OUR INTENTION TO THE AFRICAN STATES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED, SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE BRITISH. WE ARE IN CLOSE AND CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND EXPECT TO REVIEW THE SITUATION ONCE IVOR RICHARD, THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, COMPLETES HIS CONSULTATIONS IN AFRICA.

2. YOU SHOULD PASS TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT OUR BELIEF THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE MUST BE DONE TO PRESERVE THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND SUPPORTS THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING IN AFRICA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOVERNMENTS USING THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THE AFRICANS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE DIPLOMACY A CHANCE TO WORK. WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH ONCE THE SITUATION IS CLEARER.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE FUND HAD TO BE TIED TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR GOVERNMENT NOT TO MAKE ADVERSE DECISIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND ON THE BASIS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.

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